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File Code: 1950

Date: September 8, 2014

Dear Planning Participant:

We will be considering the enclosed project proposal and conducting environmental analyses on it in the near future.

You are being notified of this proposal because you have expressed interest in projects in the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests.

Preliminary assessments have been made that the following project falls within a category of actions listed in 36 CFR 220.6, thereby excluding it from documentation in an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Please feel free to offer your comments regarding it.

Thank you for your continued participation in projects involving the Nez Perce – Clearwater National Forests.

Sincerely,

RICK BRAZELL
Forest Supervisor
Nez Perce – Clearwater National Forests

Enclosures: Map and Photograph of Project Site

cc: Molly Puchlerz



Information Regarding Public Comments

Please review the following proposal and submit your site-specific comments as described below so they can be included in our analyses for the project.

Your comments will be most useful if submitted by October 8, 2014.

If you have any questions or will like additional information regarding this project, please contact Linda S. Helm, Small NEPA Coordinator at (208) 935-4285. Forest Service business hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (PST), Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. Written comments should either be mailed or hand-delivered to her at the Nez Perce – Clearwater National Forests Supervisor's Office, 903 3rd Street, Kamiah, Idaho 83536 or submitted *via* facsimile transmittal to her at (208) 935-4275. Electronic mail comments should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf), Word (.doc - **preferred**) or portable data format (.pdf) to comments-northern-nezperce@fs.fed.us.

If you choose to comment on the proposal, please include the following: (1) your name, address, and (if possible) your telephone number, and organization represented (if any); (2) title of project; and, (3) specific facts and relevant rationale you feel should be considered. **Please do not submit "boiler-plate" objections that are not specific to the particular project.**

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names, telephone numbers, addresses, and electronic mail addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request this Agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in limited circumstances. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the Agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality and the options available (see 7 CFR 1.27 for further information).

Project Proposals

Lochsa – Powell Ranger Districts

Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Fish Creek Weir

Proposed Category: 36 CFR 220.6(e)(15): *Issuance of a new special use authorization for a new term to replace an existing or expired special use authorization when the only changes are administrative, there are not changes to the authorized facilities or increases in the scope or intensity of authorized activities, and the applicant*

or holder is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the special use authorization.

Legal Coordinates of Project Site: T35N, R9E, SE ¼, Section 29 (Boise Meridian).

Background: The Idaho Department of Fish and Game's (hereinafter referred to as "IDFG") special use renewal request is to continue maintenance and operation of the Fish Creek Weir. IDFG has held this permit since 1995.

Roadless Issue: The proposed project is located within the boundaries of the North Lochsa Slope Roadless Area in an area managed with a primitive theme under the Idaho Roadless rule. The project is consistent with the regulations at 36 CFR 294.26, "Other activities in Roadless Areas." A Roadless analysis is being prepared to evaluate the effects of the project on the North Lochsa Slope.

Narrative Summary: This permit authorizes the following:

1. The continued operation and maintenance of a fish weir and screw trap for catching adult steelhead during upstream migration and for catching out-migration fry, fingerlings, and smolts;
2. The annual parking and occupation of a 14' x 25' camper trailer and wall tent at the end of NFS Road 462 from March through October or early November; and,
3. The plowing of snow on NFS Road 462 to the Fish Creek site pursuant to annual approval from the Lochsa Powell District Ranger.

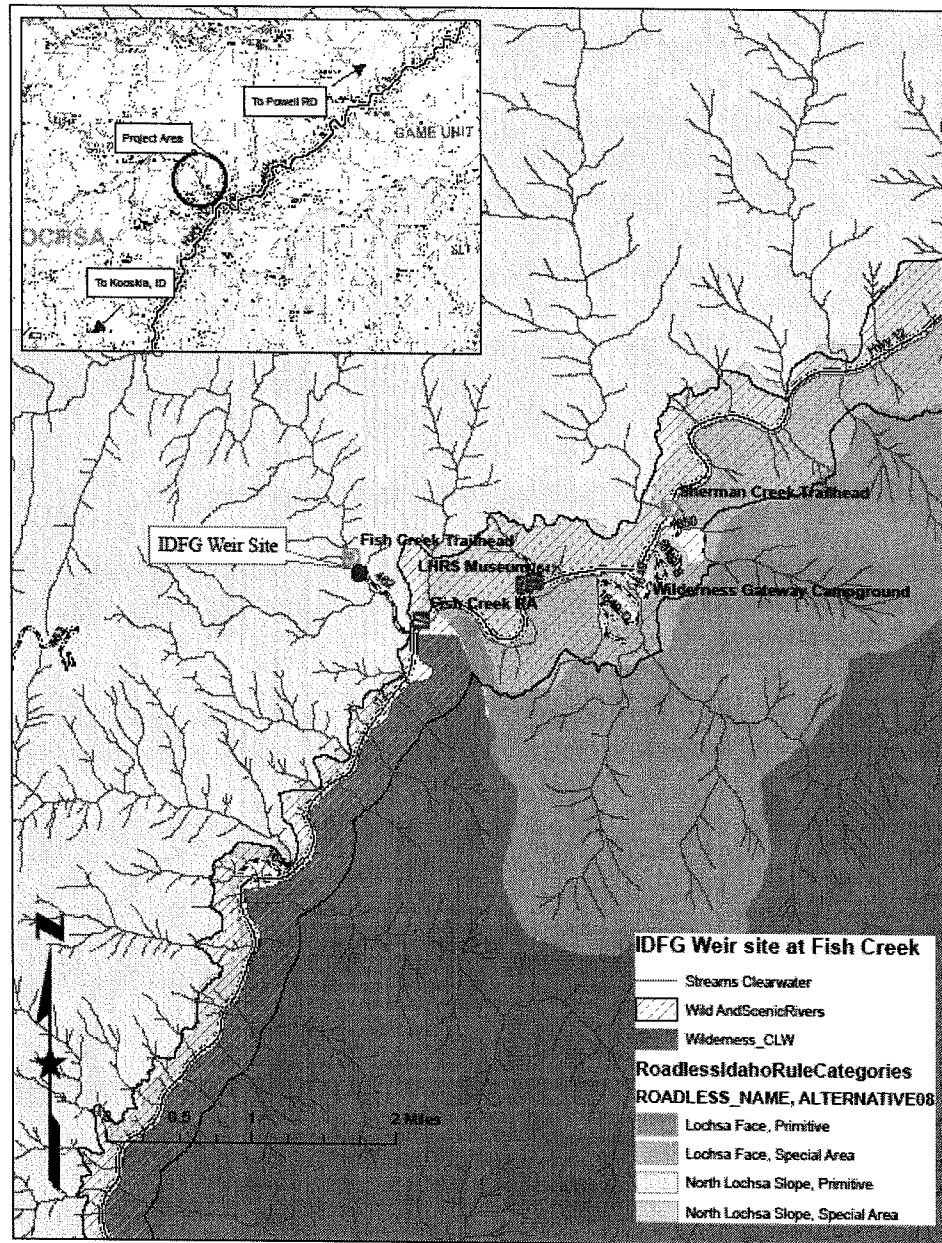
Project Design Specifications/Equipment: Because there is no new ground disturbance associated with this permit request, a BMP assessment is not necessary for this project.

The Boulder Creek Weir is no longer needed and will not be a part of this permit.

Project Implementation: This permit renewal would authorize existing use and would be valid for a 20 year period from the date of issuance. This is the max term limit for this type of special use permit.

Project Information: For additional information regarding this project, please contact project proponent Molly Puchlerz, Special Use Administrator, at 208.942.0303.

Map of Fish Creek Weir Site



Google Aerial Photograph of Site

